

## REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to add the limitation “wherein for each data viewer being merged into another portal, the data sources are cloned so as to isolate different instances of an original data source such that each data viewer has its own cloned instance of a data source,” as suggested by the examiner on page 12 (paragraph number 15) of the Office Action, and the limitation “wherein the system allows data that is acquired from different instances of a single data source or different instances of different data sources to be edited across portals,, and wherein federation supports the editing of data across portals,” as suggested by the examiner on pages 12-13 (paragraph number 16) of the Office Action. These limitations are not anticipated or suggested by the Bogrett and Hoffman patents, either singly or in combination. Claim 1 has also been amended to remove the “is configured to” and “can be” language to which the examiner objected.

The applicant respectfully suggests that claims 2, 3, 4 and 6, which are dependent on claim 1, should be allowable given the amendment to claim 1. Claim 6 has been amended to remove the “is configured to” language to which the examiner objected.

Claim 7 has been amended to remove the “can be configured as” language to which the examiner objected. Claims 7-11, all of which are dependent on claim 1, should be allowable given the amendment to claim 1.

Claims 12, 14, 15 and 16, which the examiner has indicated would be allowable if claim 12 were rewritten in independent form, have all been amended to remove the “can be” language to which the examiner objected. Claim 12 has also been rewritten in independent form.

Claim 17 should be allowable given the amendment to claim 1.

Claim 18 has been amended to remove the “can be” language to which the examiner objected. Claim 19 has been amended to remove the “is used” language to which the examiner objected. Claims 18 and 19 should be allowable given the amendment to claim 1.

Claims 20-23 have been amended to remove the “is configured to” language to which the examiner objected and should be allowable given the amendments to claim 1.

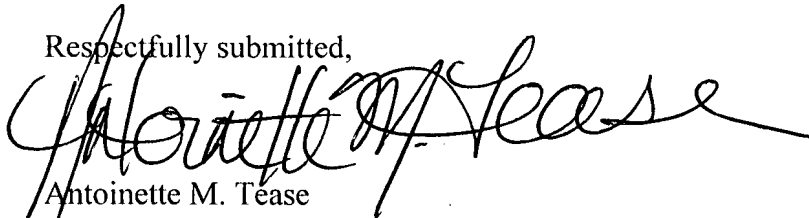
Claim 27 has been amended in the same manner as claim 1. Claim 29 should be allowable given the amendments to claim 27.

Claim 30 has been amended to remove the “can be configured as” language to which the examiner objected. Claims 31-34 should be allowable given the amendments to claim 27.

Claim 37 has been amended to remove the “is used” language to which the examiner objected. This claim should be allowable given the amendment to claim 27.

Claim 44 has been amended in the same manner as claim 1. Claims 45 and 46 should be allowable given the amendments to claim 44.

Respectfully submitted,

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